

Randolph Township Trustees Regular Meeting Thursday, February 28, 2013

Chairman Roger Klodt opened the meeting at 7:00 p.m. with the pledge. Roger stated that he reviewed the previous meeting draft minutes and found them to be accurate. He asked if there were any corrections or additions. Mike moved to accept the previous meeting minutes as written. Sue seconded. RCV: Mike – yes; Sue – yes; Roger – yes. Present: Trustees Roger Klodt, Mike Lang, Sue White, FO Mary Rodenbucher, D. Kolasky, L. Klodt, D. Rice, D. Werbeck, A. Francis, M. Kehres, B. Duncan, L. Ward, L. Kachner, R. Huth, S. Lee

Old Business

Roger stated that we will have a discussion about the use of the township ball fields with representatives from Waterloo Hot Stove and the travel team. Darrin stated that last year Matt, as a board member, requested one field for the travel team. He also stated that Matt offered to pay \$100 for the bases and has yet to receive the money. Darrin stated, from personal experience, that the fields at the School Park were used last year by Hot Stove. Darrin stated that when Hot Stove teams went to use the fields at the School Park they were told to leave by the travel team. Darrin stated that Matt came to the trustees in October to request use of the fields and that he had spoken to Darrin. Darrin stated that he has not had a conversation with Matt in quite some time. He feels some comments made about him are not true. Darrin stated that according to the recorded minutes Matt told the trustees that the Hot Stove would charge \$500 for use of the field which is not true. Darrin stated that he suggested Matt come to the board meeting to discuss the use of the field. Darrin provided information about the number of teams and field usage at Moyer, Atwater, and the School Park. There was discussion about possible use of the area behind Junior's at the School Park and the condition of the fields. Roger stated that the fields are provided by the township for the use of Randolph/Atwater kids whose parents pay taxes for use of the fields. His opinion is that the Waterloo teams should have priority. Darrin stated that the agreements he researched with two other groups was they charge travel teams per player to use their fields. He commented that there are costs to get fields ready. Mike commented that Hot Stove has the schedule and suggested that Matt coordinate with the Hot Stove. Mike commented that when Matt did not come back to meeting he thought the issue was over. Matt reported that he paid to get the field at the School Park ready for play. Matt disagreed with Darrin's numbers and comments about practice and games. Ann stated that she wanted to use the field for practice but it was unavailable so she utilized other areas. She also has a concern that Matt feels that the coaches/teams do not use the School Park. Ann commented that there is a problem scheduling make-up games due to a rain out. There was discussion that the school park is the only park to use for practice when Moyer field is used for games and being asked to leave. Darrin asked Matt to come to a board meeting to work out details and he has not come. Matt stated that no one ever called him. Darrin stated that he told Matt when the board meeting was scheduled. Darrin does not have anything against the travel team but his goal to have fields for the Waterloo teams. Mike stated that the trustees feel confident that Hot Stove will regulate the field usage fairly. Matt stated that in the minutes it was stated that the travel team would be granted permission to use the fields. Matt's concern is that he would be charged for use of the field. Matt stated that he will go to board meeting, but he will not pay to use it. Mike feels we could get the area ready behind Junior's to use as a field. Ann asked if this is to help the Hot Stove. Mike clarified that the field would be an addition to the fields already in use by Hot Stove. Roger agrees with Mike if the cost is reasonable. Mike asked if agreeable with Matt. Matt feels it will still be joint effort on coaches. Darrin stated that there will still be a cost to help maintain the fields. Sue clarified that it is not rent but a fee for field maintenance. Sue asked the Hot Stove to let the trustees know if they need anything. Sue stated that we may be able to get donations. Sue appreciates what the coaches do. Rick stated that he had the same problems when he was scheduling games long ago. He also spoke about parent involvement and donations from community members. Rick feels that priority should be given to Randolph and Atwater ball players. Roger commented that Darrin is in charge of the schedule and anyone who wants to use the field needs to deal with him. Sue commented that if a field is not in use that Darrin is to let others use it.

Mike spoke about indigent burials which has the possibility of getting out of control. He feels we should designate an area. There was discussion about indigent burial and the need to rewrite the cemetery rules to address this issue. Mike and Roger feel we can be taken advantage of. Mike and Dan spoke briefly about the SC/CC/TH problem when the cost increases with items already scheduled. Roger feels those already scheduled will remain at the current rate and new rentals at the new rate. Dan stated that only one group has given a donation. Mike stated it costs money for township to maintain. Roger feels the rate should increase by \$25 effective April 1. There is a group who rents the CC twice a month who will leave if the rent is increased. Dan should have some flexibility and discretion for loyal customers. Mike feels we need to have a list of who gets it

free and who has rented already. Sue is concerned about charging different rates for Randolph residents. Mike stated that it is a form of business. Mike would like to see an actual list of who uses the facility. He is not opposed to an increase but does not want to get rid of good customers. Dan stated that in general the rentals include 4-H, Friends of the Library, Girl Scouts; basically Randolph groups. There was discussion about looking at all equally. Roger feels that service groups should have it rent free. We would accept donations from Scouts, 4-H, etc. since it is a service to our kids mostly in Randolph. Mike agrees with Roger about an increase for regular rentals. Mike brought up the use of alcohol. Roger is not in favor due to increased liability. Sue asked how much. Roger stated that one of the requirements is for those who rent it to provide a copy of additional insurance. He does not feel it is justified. Sue suggested a fundraiser for SC/CC/TH once a year with all funds going to the upkeep of the buildings. Roger asked Dan to get list for next meeting. Dan asked for specifics. Mike will get with Dan.

Sue reported that she attended the PCTA dinner. There was much discussion about the Solid Waste Policy Update. Sue read the resolution. Sue moved to adopt the Solid Waste Policy resolution. Roger seconded. Discussion: Sue explained some of the details of the PCTA discussion. Two people at the PCTA were against the policy. Sue does not like the fact that only one company would do the hauling. She feels the rates will be cut for a short period and then the rates will skyrocket. Residents of Randolph do not want curb side recycling. Roger asked what Tom Smith recommends. Sue commented that he stated we need to pass it. Chip also wants it passed. Mary commented that 75% of the employees at the Recycle District are Portage County residents. RCV: Mike – yes; Sue – yes; Roger – yes.

Sue went to Portage Prepares. They will link our web site to their site. Every month they will focus on various issues and provide information. Sue is impressed with the RFD web site. She would like to get residents to check the web site regularly. Doug asked who takes care of the web site. Roger stated that Dan takes care of the web site. Sue commented that Portage Prepares wants every township to have a web site and link it to the county.

New Business

Mike and Sue have nothing at this time.

Roger read a thank you card from the Bailey family for use of the CC for funeral. RFD will hold a blood drive on March 12 from 4 – 8. It benefits the fire department.

Mary presented township correspondence to the trustees. Mary commented that in reviewing the March calendar our last meeting falls on Holy Thursday. This meeting in the past has been changed and asked the trustees what they would like to do. Mike moved to change the time of the March 28 meeting from 7 p.m. to 7 a.m. Sue seconded. RCV: Mike – yes; Sue – yes; Roger – yes.

Mary gave the trustees a copy of the January bank reconciliation. She asked if there were any questions. Roger moved to accept the January bank reconciliation. Sue seconded. RCV: Mike – yes; Sue – yes; Roger – yes.

Mary requested a motion appropriate receipts 28 – 38 totaling \$61,312.18 and pay warrants 34166 – 34220, EFTs 29 – 36, and voucher 38 totaling \$73,991.78. Sue so moved. Roger seconded. RCV: Mike – yes; Sue – yes; Roger – yes.

Larry presented the Road Department report. Larry presented a copy of the proposed tree work. There was discussion about obtaining bids. Larry asked who will take care of the wood. Mike commented that it is on our right-of-way but if the homeowner will take care of it promptly they can have it or donate it to the Lions Club. Rick asked if the Lions Club can take down the trees. Mike feels it is not a job that they can handle due to liability issues. Doug commented that the tree companies make more money taking the trees down than taking the wood. Mike asked to have the ad ready for the next meeting. Larry reported on truck, equipment, building, and park maintenance. Larry reported that Waterloo Schools has purchased 52 tons of salt this year. Larry stated that we need to designate an area for indigent burial. Mike feels it should be on the new side. Larry suggested using the area by the fence. Larry commented that per the state we need to be more stringent on indigent burial. Roger is waiting to hear from Chris Meduri regarding the definition of indigent. There were two funerals for a YTD total of four.


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Dan presented the Administrative Assistant report. One zoning permit was issued. Dan is working on the web site and newsletter.

Roger presented the Fire Department in Chief Lang's absence. Responses for January: EMS – 33; Fire – 2; MVC – 2; Inc – 4; Tests – 4 for a monthly total of 45 and YTD total of 45. A retirement celebration was held for Andy Hamilton and Conrad Geiger which was well attended. Chief Lang reported on public relations, training, and fuel usage report.

Public Comment

With no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:18 p.m.


Roger Klodt, Chairman


Mary A. Rodenbacher, Fiscal Officer